

NORTH WEST INDIAN POPULATION.

The remark made by one of the generals of the army in the United States, that "the only good Indians were the dead ones," needs no comment from us. It is well known that their white brethren in that they are able to produce in a community of six or eight hundred souls veritable savages, who prefer to seek a living in any other way but that of honest toil. They are good and bad Indians. Many of them are really imitators of those who have to live that they may eat. A just discrimination should be made between different tribes, and while many of the vulgar crowd become what are termed in popular language a "nation of savages," others are really worthy and brave. The change in their circumstances has induced the most of their evil traits. The old traders the charmers of the Indians and steomies in the years gone by, will tell you that they were not bad for their dangerous lives, industry and hospitality. The rich Indians are now poor. Their means of gaining an honest and independent living exist no longer, and as we have seen, to live over again the old Indian mode of labor, though the few mulled the weight of scriptural.

The proximity of Indian reserves to the towns and cities is annoying to the white population and injurious to the Indians. There is a particular application in the case of the Sioux to illustrate the views of the Indians of civilization, and thus, during their transition state, they speedily accept and practice these immorality, and many of them succumb to the evils that are in store for them. In this connection there is too much expected of them, considering their previous mode of life and the sudden change to which they have been subjected. One thing is certain—the word of him is superior to the word of man without exception. Those who have been brought to labour. There are specimens of humanity vastly lower in the scale of progression than any of these. There are many who will either starve, die, and who travel around the cities like vagabonds—have no place to go but the elected districts in the Northwest. Mr. White and Judge Ronan moved to ask the Dominion Government for a grant to establish a law library in the Northwest Territories.

The action of the Government in dealing liberally with the proposed Hudson Bay Railway is satisfactory to the people of the Northwest.

Mr. Ross—An ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting stolen horses. Read the first time.

Mr. Turiff moved to ask the Dominion Government to increase the accommodation of the Council Chamber.

Mr. Oliver—An ordinance to amend the laws in reference to the coming, importation and sale of the pale face tribe, who consider it no crime to steal, but an unpardonable sin to be caught.

There is a movement in progress, however, which ought to be considered, and that is the means to be legitimately employed for lessening the annoyance to the white settlers consequent upon the frequent visits of the Indians to the various settlements in the Territories. To do this, it is necessary to have some place where they are receiving support from the Government, most materially through all efforts for their improvement by strengthening their used and indolent habits. It would be useful to prevent their going to the prairies to pursue their nomadic ways. The power lies with the agents of the Indian Department to instruct them as to their rights and privileges in leaving their reserves. The only plan feasible is to give the Indians written permission to leave their reserves, which will be a reversal about for a start and for a definite purpose. This would protect the settlers and prove a means of conferring benefit on the Indians.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

To gratify a morbid curiosity or craving after the sensational and vicious in literature many methods are adopted for introducing copies to the obscene newspaper. Coming to the first, the Post Office, Day's Building and other news sheets are sent through the mails. These papers have been forbidden to be sold to minors by law passed by the New York Legislature. These and others are smuggled in some way for the gratuity, and when sold at a short time later. The evils rising from the slightest perusal of these papers cannot be overestimated. They are the begotten of crime and immorality, and when placed in the hands of the young and innocent they are the most dangerous poisons, specially blunted and become experts in vice. The records of crime abundantly substantiate this, and in a young country we cannot guard too carefully the moral courage and honesty of those who in the past have been the leaders in the cause of the women of the land. The pictures indecent, atheistic blasphemy, and the filthier literature that disgraces the columns of these papers will ultimately injure the minds of those dark and ignorant characters. The reading of impure literature produces moral insanity that is dangerous to a community. The information is demoralizing and unsafe for acquiring the knowledge necessary for intelligent and successful performance of the duties of life.

Nobility of goodness develops true manhood and generates ideas worthy of a citizen interested in the welfare of his fellow-men. The rugged virtues characteristic of the North American pioneer of these days by reality are virtue itself, and the moral simplicity let us an adult wall, a social outcast, contaminating the virtues of his loathsome disease. Life is too short to waste it in destroying the soul and body of a person. Life is too short to waste in corrupting the morals of life. The true way of stamping out such disgraceful parasites is by disengaging them, and by using the ultimate power to keep them out of the country. Constant vigilance and action will destroy their power among us.

NORTH WEST COUNCIL.

(From the Regina Leader.)

FRIDAY, JULY 29.

Col. Richardson presented a report from the Civil Justice Committee, the date and place of which are responsible to the Politician of the President of the S. W. Stock Association, paying that amount for \$250 for the prairie fires.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED.

Col. Geddes presented an Ordinance to amend and consolidate Ordinances respecting the marking of stock."

Mr. Geddes presented a reply to the petition by Mr. Gould, which, having been read, was allowed to stand pend-

ing completion of Ordinances respecting consolidated elections.

Mr. White moved the following resolution: "That it be referred to the Executive Council to consider the advisability of making the same the object of the proposed legislation of the Northwest Territories, to encourage the planting of trees on the prairie sections of the Northwest Territory, by amending the Dominions Lands Act, providing for a certain sum of money being allotted for every acre planted, &c." The motion was carried, and it is to enact such measures will conduct to the peace and prosperity of the Northwest Territories.

That, as an Executive Council, they are bound to do the best for the Territories under the government of the said territories.

It is believed it is to the duty of the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories to look carefully into matters affecting the said Territories, and where by reason of the extraordinary growth and development of the said Territories, such representations made by the Dominion Government are found unsuited to the present requirements of the country, such representations shall be made by the Executive Council to the Dominion Government as will enable them to legislate in the interests of the said Territories.

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An ordinance respecting assignment of leases in action."

An ordinance respecting fraudulent preferences."

An ordinance to declare the law as to Property and Civil Rights."

TUESDAY, July 29.

An ordinance respecting real estate, Mr. Oliver.

His Honor thought that to expedite matters the business on hand should take precedence of the other.

Mr. Ross—An ordinance to enable trustees to hold land in the Territories.

Mr. White—A petition from the Assiniboin Agricultural Society asking for a grant of 1000 acres of land to be held in trust for the elected districts in the Northwest.

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AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

Now that the harvest season is near at hand we could not let it pass if our farmers, millers and merchants joined forces and concerted themselves in getting up an agricultural exhibition of the products of Alberta. Last year specimens of the grain grown in this district were sent to eastern cities and the result was most favorable with the cereals grown in the chief agricultural districts there. This year we should look upon it as our duty to do much more. From present appearances the crop will be such as would do credit to any country. We have received no news to take us by surprise at the potato growing, so that they immediately post samples to their friends east. We have suffered quite long enough from misrepresentation and erroneous reports of our weather, which has been equally forged certain. No amount of writing or verbal testimony can convince us as easily as the exhibition of our produce. Men will then see and judge for themselves. Nor in our opinion would it be wise to stint ourselves to the exhibition of agricultural products alone. Specimens of the minerals and timbers of the country should be collected, and our native grasses, too, would bear exhibiting.

True, our first show may not be a very grand affair, and the prize money may be limited; yet we have no doubt that the people of Alberta will be interested in the schools, well knowing that the money so spent will bear a rich interest. After the exhibition here the C.P.R. Company, we are convinced, could be induced to give every town and city in the province a car load to the Lethbridge and other similar exhibitions, sending with the exhibits some acquainted with the country and its resources. Such steps would be a death stroke to misrepresentation, and would do more to bring the growing interest and the influx of capital to Alberta. We trust those who take an interest in the future of our town and district will take in mind the steps to form an agricultural society, and promote a good work. The member for the district of Lethbridge is in a position sympathetically with the object. We hope that the time will be lost in taking the initiative in the matter. If each individual takes an interest in the getting up of our first show, we have little doubt that the result will be most gratifying, pleasant, and that Alberta's first agricultural show will be much good for our fair district. We are pleased to learn that since our mention of this matter in last week's news steps have been taken to institute a society, and a meeting of those interested will be held at Bayston Hall at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

NORTHWEST LIQUOR LAWS.

One of the objects to be accomplished by sending the mounted police into the country seven years ago was to stamp out the liquor traffic. The mounted police and key traders to be a factor in dealing with the Indians. Success crowned the efforts of the force; but another young company settled itself in the introduction of the permit system. The Northwest Council, to whom the administration of this scheme, it is to be hoped, the temperance principles of this law were very lax. The permit system worked well until those who possessed the privilege of issuing liquor permits granted the Indians, who, in turn, through the efforts of temperance men in the older Province, who firmly believed that prohibiting was the law of the Northwest.

The majority of people in the east-to-day hold the opinion that we have prohibition. Emphatically do we assert that this is nothing approaching prohibition. Drinking as an indulgence is rampant in the Northwest soil through the slopes of the Rockies and the plains of the prairies. The Northwest Council levied a tax of fifty cents per gallon on liquor brought in through permits, still this did not in the least reduce the amount of liquor consumed. "Honesty" will not destroy the social malady. Liquor was sold as high as ten dollars per bottle. Here the authorities granted only "permits for medicinal purposes" there would have been no difficulty in getting an exemption to the laws of the land. The only trouble is that the Indians are crowding the efforts of the permit system. The Northwest Council levied a tax of fifty cents per gallon on liquor brought in through permits, still this did not in the least reduce the amount of liquor consumed. "Honesty" will not destroy the social malady. Liquor was sold as high as ten dollars per bottle. Here the authorities granted only "permits for medicinal purposes" there would have been no difficulty in getting an exemption to the laws of the land. The only trouble is that the Indians are crowding the efforts of the permit system. It is argued that the Indians are crowding the efforts of the permit system. The Northwest Council, to whom the administration of this scheme, it is to be hoped, the temperance principles of this law were very lax. The permit system worked well until those who possessed the privilege of issuing liquor permits granted the Indians, who, in turn, through the efforts of temperance men in the older Province, who firmly believed that prohibiting was the law of the Northwest.